HOUSE BILL No. 1675

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-2-1.1.

Synopsis: Anesthetic for unborn fetus. Requires a physician to inform a pregnant woman that an anesthetic or other painkilling medication may be provided to a fetus with a probable gestational age of at least 20 weeks and that insurance may or may not cover the service.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

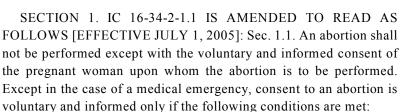
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (1) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion and in the presence of the pregnant woman, the physician who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician or a physician assistant (as defined in IC 25-27.5-2-10), an advanced practice nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1(b)), or a midwife (as defined in IC 34-18-2-19) to whom the responsibility has been delegated by the physician who is to perform the abortion or the referring physician has orally informed the pregnant woman of the following:
 - (A) The name of the physician performing the abortion.
 - (B) The nature of the proposed procedure or treatment.



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1	(C) The risks of and alternatives to the procedure or treatment.	
2	(D) The probable gestational age of the fetus, including an	
3	offer to provide:	
4	(i) a picture or drawing of a fetus;	
5	(ii) the dimensions of a fetus; and	
6	(iii) relevant information on the potential survival of an	
7	unborn fetus;	
8	at this stage of development.	
9	(E) The medical risks associated with carrying the fetus to	
10	term.	
11	(F) The option of providing an anesthetic or other	
12	painkilling medication to a fetus that has a probable	
13	gestational age of at least twenty (20) weeks and that this	
14	service:	
15	(i) may; or	
16	(ii) may not;	
17	be covered by insurance.	U
18	(2) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion, the pregnant	
19	woman will be orally informed of the following:	
20	(A) That medical assistance benefits may be available for	
21	prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care from the county	
22	office of family and children.	
23	(B) That the father of the unborn fetus is legally required to	
24	assist in the support of the child. In the case of rape, the	-
25	information required under this clause may be omitted.	
26	(C) That adoption alternatives are available and that adoptive	
27	parents may legally pay the costs of prenatal care, childbirth,	
28	and neonatal care.	V
29	(3) The pregnant woman certifies in writing, before the abortion	
30	is performed, that the information required by subdivisions (1)	
31	and (2) has been provided.	

